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METHOD THEREOF AND METHOD OF
RECORDING/ERASING/REPRODUCING INFORMATION

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following Supplemental Preliminary Amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 50 as indicated.

50. (Three Times Amended) An optical information recording medium comprising a substrate and a multilayer film, the multilayer film comprising a phase-change recording layer having reversibly changeable optical characteristics and a Ge-containing layer comprising one selected from the group consisting of Ge₂N and Ge₂ON as a main component, and a protective layer comprising sulfur, wherein the Ge-containing layer is formed between the phase-change recording layer and the protective layer, and

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wherein X is at least one element selected from the group consisting of elements belonging to Groups IIIa, IVa, Va, VIa, VIIa, VIII, Ib and IIb, and carbon.

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